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Today there is a pall of doubt over the Presidency. Not being forthcoming with whatever the truth may be leaves doubt about the bond of trust between the President and the people and keeps open the question of fitness to serve in high office. The only way America can put this behind us once and for all is to be assured that when the President speaks, he is telling the truth. I hope this President can give this assurance. If President Clinton tells the American people the whole truth and needs forgiveness, I believe he will be forgiven.

But let us remember, all of us, all of us err and make mistakes, including me. No one, not one is perfect. But for forgiveness and healing to take place, there must first be confession and truth, and then we can move on.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Washington (Mrs. LINDA SMITH) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mrs. LINDA SMITH of Washington addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

#### HONORING KAREN SUE NOBUMOTO

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California (Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Ms. MILLENDER-MCDONALD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate a remarkable woman from the 37th District of California: Karen Sue Nobumoto. Ms. Nobumoto is an exceptional leader in the field of law within the African American community and the Los Angeles area. She has inspired young lawyers and law students throughout her long history with the John M. Langston Bar Association, and has dedicated her life to giving back to her community. As she completes her one year term as President of the Langston Bar Association, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize her long list of achievements.

Ms. Nobumoto received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from the University of Hartford in West Hartford, Connecticut in 1973. She continued her studies at Southwestern University School of Law in Los Angeles, where she obtained her Juris Doctorate degree in 1989. Throughout her years at Southwestern University, Ms. Nobumoto served as an active student leader. She was the President of the Black Law Students Association and Vice-Dean of the Delta Theta Phi Law Fraternity.

Ms. Nobumoto has served on the board of directors of the John M. Langston Bar Association continuously since 1987. In 1988, she received the President's Special Recognition Award and received the same award again in 1996. She served as the first student Section Chairperson and worked with the past president to institute the Langston Law Student Career Day and Mentor Program. She also managed the Law Student Scholarship Program in

1990 and succeeded in increasing the scholarship funds distributed to African American law students over the past seven years.

Perhaps more important than this long list of achievements, is Ms. Nobumoto's unyielding determination and strong commitment to leaving no stone unturned when it comes to planning the critical path to success. She has attended every Langston board meeting and monthly meeting and represented the Langston Bar Association at over sixty-five different events throughout this past year. In addition to her work for Langston, Ms. Nobumoto is a hardworking Trial Deputy in the Office of the District Attorney in Los Angeles. She has also served on the Ethnic Minority Relations Committee of the State Bar from 1987 to 1990 and was the Vice-Chair of the Committee from 1989 to 1990. In 1990, she was also elected to a District 7 seat on the California Young Lawyers Association Board of Directors.

Clearly, Karen Nobumoto's commitment to carrying forward the tradition of service and leadership that defines the Langston Bar Association has made her one of the greatest Presidents to serve Langston. I am honored to know Ms. Nobumoto and wish her the best of luck as she pursues a position on the State Bar Board of Governors. Karen Nobumoto is a shining example of what it means to lead, to educate and to truly make a difference for the generations of today and tomorrow.

#### A RESOLUTION TO PROTECT WINNIE THE POOH

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York (Mrs. LOWEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mrs. LOWEY. Mr. Speaker, I rise to introduce a resolution to protect Winnie the Pooh and his friends from being taken away from their safe and comfortable home at the New York Public Library. For 10 years Winnie the Pooh has held court in the New York Public Library, delighting millions of New Yorkers. But in recent days a member of the British Parliament has been expressing her intention to take them away from their home.

As a mother of three and a grandmother of two, I am determined to keep Winnie the Pooh right where he belongs in New York City. Quite frankly, the British have their heads in a honey jar, if they think they are taking Winnie the Pooh out of New York City.

Mr. Speaker, Christopher Milne, son of the creator of Winnie the Pooh and the real life model for Christopher Robin, gave his blessing to the New York Public Library's display of his childhood friends before his death 2 years ago. Winnie the Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga and Piglet belong in New York, and this resolution will ensure that they stay there.

H. CON. RES. —

Whereas Winnie-the-Pooh, Tigger, Eeyore, Kanga, and Piglet have lived safely and comfortably in a climate-controlled, bulletproof case at the New York Public Library for ten years.

Whereas they bring happiness to the 750,000 people who visit them each year.

Whereas Christopher Milne, the model for Christopher Robin, gave his blessing to the New York Public Library's public display of his childhood friends before his death.

*Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring).* That the Congress of the United States expresses its strong support for the residents of Pooh Corner to remain at the New York Public Library.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. FOLEY) is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. FOLEY addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extension of Remarks.)

#### THE FUTURE OPPORTUNITY AND WELL-BEING OF OUR CHILDREN

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 7, 1997, the gentleman from California (Mr. RIGGS) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the majority leader.

Mr. RIGGS. Mr. Speaker, I want to take this opportunity to address the House under special orders on a topic that I think is of really paramount importance to our country, and that is the future opportunity and well-being of our children. I rise to talk today a little bit about our congressional, by that I mean House and Senate, Republican agenda for improvement of our schools, to ensure that every American child, especially those that come from disadvantaged backgrounds, has access to a high quality education and the kind of skills training that can unlock the future for that young person.

I have had the opportunity on many occasions, as many of the Members of this House have, to have my children accompany me to work sort of a dad takes daughter to work day. I have had my young daughter Sarah Anne, who is 11, going on 21, I think, at times, with me here on the House floor. And it has been a wonderful experience. It has given her an opportunity to see firsthand what I do as an elected Member of Congress. It has helped her not only better understand what I do, but it has helped her, I think, become a more responsible young person in her upbringing.

I can harken back a few years ago, when I first was elected to Congress, and the Sarah who is now in the fifth grade back then was in the second grade. And on the first day of school as the boys and girls were going around the classroom, when it came her turn to say what mom and dad do for a living, she piped up very proudly, my dad is FRANK RIGGS. He runs for Congress. Well, as they say, out of the mouths of babes. Since then, as I mentioned, she has come to have a far better understanding of what I do and what the purpose is of the Congress as our National Legislature.

I think our primary purpose, our most important objective has got to be,